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1. Stralsund harbor with a total yearly capacity of 1,800,000 tons including 1,300,000 tons of the sea harbor could, however, handle only 660,000 tons because of the inadequate track system and was scheduled to be expanded in three building stages to relieve harbor conditions in Rostock and Warnemunde. This expansion was to cost 5,670,000 eastmarks. The actual turnover in 1952 of Stralsund harbor was 493,800 tons, or about 75 percent of the sea traffic capacity. The planned expansion of the harbor was to increase the yearly capacity to 2,200,000 tons, including 1,700,000 tons for the sea harbor and 500,000 tons for the inland shipping harbor. The total average daily capacity of the harbor was scheduled to be 6,500 tons and the peak capacity was to be 8,000 tons per day. The sea harbor was scheduled to be dredged to a depth of 6 to 6.5 meters. The northwest channel was to have a continuous depth of 5 meters, and the entrance between the north and east moles was to be 6 meters deep. Beginning in the southeast, the channel through the lagoon was scheduled to be deepened to between 6 and 12 meters, and the passage through the Ruegendamm trestle bridge (Ziegelgrabenstrasse) was to be 6 meters deep.

2. The following is a tabulation of goods traffic and shipping traffic in 1938 and between 1946 and 1952, drafted by the Schwerin shipping section of the VEB Project Office on 31 December 1952:

Year	Number of Ships	Cargo in tons
<b>Total traffic</b>		
1938	3310	380037
1946	1412	104,194
1947	3440	258,294
1948	4488	375,891
1949	5986	690,289
1950	3291	388,725
1951	6477	556772
1952	5500	639,252

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Including Inland Shipping Traffic.

1938	1906	144,840
1946	1332	86,810
1947	1986	145,200
1948	2232	154,230
1949	2797	244,394
1950	2151	189,452
1951	2378	232,706
1952	1650	147,452

Including Sea-borne Traffic.

1938	1404	235,197
1946	80	17,344
1947	1454	113,099
1948	2346	221,661
1949	3139	445,895
1950	1140	199,273
1951	3999	324,066
1952	3350	492,800

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